Minutes of the General Board Meeting of the
GRANDA HILLS SOUTH NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL (GHSNC)
December 5th, 2013
Granada Hills Charter High School

Call to Order

President Dave Beauvais called the meeting to order at 6:40 p.m.

Roll Call

Roll Call was taken by Secretary Anthony Matthews.

| P | President: Dave Beauvais (Community Org.) | A | Suraj Khurana (Students) |
| P | Vice President: Brad Smith (Member-at-Large) | P | Sally Kolstad (Education) |
| P | Secretary: Anthony Matthews (MaL, Factual Basis)) | P | Joel M. Lyle (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Treasurer: Brandon Schindelheim (Member-at-Large) | P | Deron Lopez (Youth Organizations) |
| P | Jerry Askew (Business) | P | Bob Luszczak (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Bonnie M. Bursk (Commercial Prop. Owners) | P | Eric Mansker (Homeowners) |
| E | Krisna Crawford-Veleasco (Member-at-Large) | P | Ross Turmell (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Arthur A. Daush (Seniors) | A | Daniel Wall (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Jett Dunlap (Member-at-Large) | A | Cindy Wu Freedman (Member-at-Large) |
| P | Gina Greschner (Renters) | A | Debbie Wubben (Recreation/Cultural Arts) |
| P | Bob Hudson (Faith Based) | E | Michael J. Kabo (Parliamentarian) |

P: Present, E: Excused, A: Absent

Approval of the Minutes

Minutes of November 7, 2013 General Board Meeting were approved with two abstentions.
Minutes of November 18, 2013 Special Board Meeting were approved with three abstentions. They need correcting to remove all officer report verbiage which was accidentally repeated from the previous minutes.

Public Comment

Mr Kuzmin rose to state that he appreciated the enhanced format of the meeting agenda, and also the broadcast email. The email had however been sent out only a few hours before the start of the meeting and it was resolved to ask the webmaster to send out the emails with more notice.

Mark Hovatar asked to follow up with the grant to Patrick Henry Middle School for their music program. The check is due by the end of December.

Kevin Taylor, the local Independent Election Administrator, spoke about the upcoming elections. The date is March 1st. Candidates may register after 12/16/13. All people are encouraged to spread the word to seek volunteers to run for the contested Council seats. Kevin can be contacted at kevin@empowerla.org.

Community Speakers

Tania Oronoz from CD 12 has conflicting NC meetings on the first Thursday but will try to coordinate when she cannot attend our meetings. The 2nd part of the mural ordinance is coming up again. Councilmember Englander is going to be a part of the Community Care Ordinance Committee. There is a meeting on 12/11. Code enforcement matters include how many people can live in a particular size home – there are zoning and compliance issues which are challenging to resolve as they affect the affordable housing criteria. There are also rules involving carports and permitting.

The Fire Department has OK HELP signs for display in building windows after an earthquake. The Fire Department is available to come and do outreach, and we should partner with them and the police department.

Officer Reports

The treasurer presented his report. We have $19,000 left in the budget. Motion to approve (Schindelheim/Mansker) passed unanimously, 15 voting.

Vice President Smith reported that the NC Working group is working on 8 motions. The VANC end of year meeting is on 12/12.

Board Issues & Updates

It was noted that we need an additional $800 for the Election Outreach newsletter, as the $4000 previously quoted will be insufficient. Motion (Mansker/Matthews) carried unanimously, 14 voting.
A motion was made to provide a $3,000 NPG to the Friends of the Library (Turmell/Luszczak). After discussion, a motion was made to amend the motion to $1,500 (Askew/Turmell). Amendment passed 9/6. Amended motion passed 14/1.

A motion was made to defer the presentation of the Grievance Panel’s report, due this meeting, to the next meeting to allow the panel time to finish their work. (Beauvais/Smith). An exception to the bylaws such as this needs a 2/3 majority vote. The motion was passed 13/0/2.

Committee reports

Outreach

We are not going to have a truck in this year’s Holiday Parade, as the logistics it too complex.

Planning and Land Use.

A. Committee recommendation In regard to 17501 Devonshire, an existing Synagogue, an addition requiring reduced parking and a reduced rear yard setback (ZA-2013-3494-CU-ZV-ZAA): Letter to City Planning indicating that applicant has been non-responsive and requesting postponement of hearing to allow time for discussions with applicant or for the NC to ascertain the impact of the project. Motion passed 13/1/2.

B. Committee recommendation in regard to 17901 Chatsworth, addition of a recycling facility at the rear of the existing Ralphs Market (DIR-2013-3550-DRB-SPP): Recommendation to City Planning and Applicant to confer with Granada Hills Charter High School and a) consider relocation of facility to the west so as to minimize interference with school offices and/or library; b) consider impact and possible mitigations of facility operations on pick-up and drop-off activity and associated traffic and pedestrian safety around the school; c) coordinate hours of operation with school so as to minimize interferences with school operations; and d) Conform facility to newly submitted guidelines for recycling facilities (including construction of a permanent structure, enclosed facility etc). Committee to review existing "Q" conditions on property and report on compliance. Motion passed unanimously, Chair abstaining.

C. Committee recommendation in regard to 10324 Balboa, addition of on-site sale of alcohol at new Chipotle restaurant under construction (ZA-2013-3514-CUB): Letter to City Planning indicating that the applicant requested that we postpone the item until our December meeting and request that Planning not schedule the hearing until we have had the opportunity to meet with the applicant. In the event that a hearing is held prior to that time, our position is one of opposition to the project. Motion passed unanimously, Lye and Chair abstaining.

Meeting adjourned (Mansker/Smith) approximately: 8:35 pm.

Respectfully submitted

Anthony Matthews, Board Secretary